

**From:** [Woolford, James](#)  
**To:** [Edlund, Carl](#)  
**Cc:** [Phillips, Pam](#); [Crossland, Ronnie](#); [Fitz-James, Schatzi](#); [Stalcup, Dana](#); [Gartner, Lois](#); [Siedschlag, Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Hurricane Response  
**Date:** Friday, August 25, 2017 4:11:14 PM

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Yes. Best of luck to you all.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 3:21 PM, Edlund, Carl <[Edlund.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Edlund.Carl@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks ...yes, we are handling but you can see there is quite an e-mail string

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**From:** Woolford, James  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2017 1:22 PM  
**To:** Edlund, Carl <[Edlund.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Edlund.Carl@epa.gov)>; Phillips, Pam <[phillips.pam@epa.gov](mailto:phillips.pam@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Crossland, Ronnie <[Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov](mailto:Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov)>; Fitz-James, Schatzi <[Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov](mailto:Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov)>; Stalcup, Dana <[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov](mailto:Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov)>; Gartner, Lois <[Gartner.Lois@epa.gov](mailto:Gartner.Lois@epa.gov)>; Siedschlag, Gregory <[Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov](mailto:Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: EPA Hurricane Response

Am assuming you all in Region 6 are doing this...

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Clark, Becki" <[Clark.Beki@epa.gov](mailto:Clark.Beki@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** August 25, 2017 at 2:19:00 PM EDT  
**To:** "Irizarry, Gilberto" <[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Cheatham, Reggie" <[cheatham.reggie@epa.gov](mailto:cheatham.reggie@epa.gov)>, "Woodyard, Josh" <[Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov)>, "Woolford, James" <[Woolford.James@epa.gov](mailto:Woolford.James@epa.gov)>, "Stalcup, Dana" <[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov](mailto:Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov)>, "Crossland, Ronnie" <[Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov](mailto:Crossland.Ronnie@epa.gov)>, "Gartner, Lois" <[Gartner.Lois@epa.gov](mailto:Gartner.Lois@epa.gov)>  
**Subject: Re: EPA Hurricane Response**

I asked Liz if he had spoken to Nancy. She had not. Both Liz and Nancy ate here in the room with me now, so I can follow up with them.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 2:15 PM, Irizarry, Gilberto <[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)> wrote:

Great !

Thanks,

Gilberto "Tito" Irizarry  
Director, Preparedness & Response Ops Division  
Office of Emergency Management (OEM)  
USEPA  
O: 202-564-7982  
C: 202-821-8138

Sent from my iPhone, please excuse typos.

On Aug 25, 2017, at 1:57 PM, Cheatham, Reggie  
<[cheatham.reggie@epa.gov](mailto:cheatham.reggie@epa.gov)> wrote:

I dealt with this over an hour ago directly with Nancy. This is not a HQ function and they need to work with David Grey and his communications channels.

Thanks

Reggie Cheatham, Director  
Office of Emergency Management, USEPA  
202/564-8003(o)/202/689-9400  
Doris Williams, Executive Assistant  
202/564-0053

On Aug 25, 2017, at 1:54 PM, Clark, Becki  
<[Clark.Beki@epa.gov](mailto:Clark.Beki@epa.gov)> wrote:

Folks,  
I talked to Liz just now. What she really needs is a few sentences about how we are making sure that Superfund sites in the affected areas are identified, monitored, secured, etc.

Looping in OSRTI – can someone please get back to Liz Bowman with a few sentences? Call me if you have questions. Thanks.  
Becki  
564-3818

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**From:** Irizarry, Gilberto  
**Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2017 1:33 PM  
**To:** Cheatham, Reggie  
<[cheatham.reggie@epa.gov](mailto:cheatham.reggie@epa.gov)>;  
Clark, Becki  
<[Clark.Beki@epa.gov](mailto:Clark.Beki@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Woodyard, Josh  
<[Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: EPA Hurricane Response

Additionally, Nancy G. is suppose to be the Crisis Communications person in the AO. She should be able to address such need.

Thanks,

Gilberto "Tito" Irizarry  
Director, Preparedness &  
Response Ops Division  
Office of Emergency Management  
(OEM)  
USEPA  
O: 202-564-7982  
C: 202-821-8138

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On Aug 25, 2017, at 1:29 PM,  
Irizarry, Gilberto  
<[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>  
wrote:

Reggie and Becki:

I believe that  
someone needs to  
get to Liz on this last  
request. This is not  
the time or way for  
her and others not

familiar with what  
we do to get train by  
requesting  
information in  
writing. We have  
people working the  
preparation for the  
event and  
coordinating  
actionable issues.  
Better to address  
those questions by  
having someone sit  
with her.

Let me know if you  
want to discuss  
further.

Thanks,

Gilberto "Tito"  
Irizarry  
Director,  
Preparedness &  
Response Ops  
Division  
Office of Emergency  
Management (OEM)  
USEPA  
O: 202-564-7982  
C: 202-821-8138

Sent from my  
iPhone, please  
excuse typos.

Begin forwarded  
message:

**From:**  
"Bowman,  
Liz"  
<[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>

**Date:**

August  
25,  
2017 at  
1:22:41  
PM EDT

**To:**

"Woodyard,  
Josh"  
<[Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov)>,  
"Shiffman,  
Cari"  
<[Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov](mailto:Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov)>,  
"Irizarry,  
Gilberto"  
<[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>

**Cc:**

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John"  
<[Senn.John@epa.gov](mailto:Senn.John@epa.gov)>,  
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"Oh,  
Peter"  
<[Oh.Peter@epa.gov](mailto:Oh.Peter@epa.gov)>

**Subject:**  
**RE: EPA**  
**Hurricane**  
**Response**

Got it,  
what I  
need  
from  
you all  
now is  
details  
of the  
activities  
that  
your  
office  
has  
prepared  
and  
ready  
to go,  
if  
needed.  
A few  
sentences  
of  
what  
your  
role is  
in an  
emergency  
response.  
The  
updated  
statement  
is  
below.

Please  
do not  
edit  
this,  
but  
send  
me  
information  
about  
what  
your  
role is  
in an  
emergency,  
what  
you all  
do to  
provide  
support.

Amy  
and I  
will  
then  
take  
what  
you all  
send  
us and  
combine  
it into  
one  
statement.

**PLEASE**  
**RESPOND**  
**WITH**  
**THAT**  
**INFORMATION**  
**BY 2**  
**P.M.**

**Current**

**EPA  
response  
statement:**

EPA is  
positioned  
and  
ready  
to  
support  
our  
state,  
local  
and  
tribal  
partners  
in  
response  
to  
Hurricane  
Harvey.  
EPA  
has a  
very  
organized  
and  
highly  
developed  
emergency  
response  
program  
for  
responding  
to  
man-  
made  
and  
natural  
disasters.  
Administrator  
Scott  
Pruitt



has  
activated  
our  
emergency  
centers  
in  
Dallas.  
We  
have  
preparedness  
and  
readiness  
teams  
standing  
by to  
support  
FEMA  
if  
needed.

EPA  
Headquarters  
emergency  
operations  
center  
is  
monitoring  
the  
storm  
closely  
and  
making  
preparations  
to  
activate  
in  
order  
to  
support  
Regions  
4 and

6. Our  
Region  
6 office  
in  
Dallas  
is  
taking  
action  
to  
ensure  
that  
Superfund  
Sites  
are  
secured  
in  
advance  
of the  
storm,  
to plan  
to  
assist  
the  
approximately  
300  
public  
water  
system  
rapid  
assessments,  
and to  
seamlessly  
integrate  
emergency  
response  
activities  
with  
Texas,  
Louisiana,  
and  
other

federal  
response  
agencies  
The  
Clear  
Air Act  
also  
allows  
EPA  
Administrator  
Pruitt,  
in  
consultation  
with  
Energy  
Secretary  
Perry,  
to  
waive  
certain  
fuel  
requirements  
to  
address  
shortages  
that  
occur  
as a  
result  
of the  
storm.  
EPA  
has an  
experienced  
team  
standing  
by to  
expedite  
handling  
of any  
waiver

requests  
by the  
states.

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**From:**

Woodyard,  
Josh

**Sent:**

Friday,  
August  
25,  
2017  
1:16  
PM

**To:**

Bowman,  
Liz  
<[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Shiffman,  
Cari  
<[Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov](mailto:Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov)>;  
Irizarry,  
Gilberto  
<[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>

**Cc:**

Grantham,  
Nancy  
<[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>;  
Gray,  
David  
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Peter  
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**Subject:**

RE: EPA  
Hurricane  
Response

To  
confirm,  
Region  
4's  
Emergency  
Operations  
Center  
is NOT  
activated.

*Thanks*

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*Joshua*  
*Woodyard* | Associate  
*Director*  
Preparedness  
and  
Response  
Operations  
Division  
(PROD)  
Office  
of  
Emergency  
Management  
202-  
564-  
9588

(W)  
202-  
510-  
4306  
(C)

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**From:**

Bowman,  
Liz

**Sent:**

Friday,  
August  
25,  
2017  
1:10  
PM

**To:**

Shiffman,  
Cari  
<[Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov](mailto:Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov)>;  
Woodyard,  
Josh  
<[Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov)>;  
Irizarry,  
Gilberto  
<[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>

**Cc:**

Grantham,  
Nancy  
<[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>;  
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Oh,  
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**Subject:**

RE: EPA  
Hurricane  
Response

All – I  
am not  
asking  
for  
edits  
on this,  
I am  
asking  
for  
each  
relevant  
office  
to  
reply  
to all  
with  
their  
ADDITIONS  
to this  
statement,  
with  
information  
on the  
superfunds,

etc.

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**From:**

Shiffman,  
Cari

**Sent:**

Friday,  
August  
25,  
2017  
12:58  
PM

**To:**

Woodyard,  
Josh  
<[Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov](mailto:Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov)>;  
Bowman,  
Liz  
<[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Irizarry,  
Gilberto  
<[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>

**Cc:**

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**Subject:**

RE: EPA  
Hurricane  
Response

Liz,

Some  
additional  
suggestions  
– the  
Region  
doesn't  
process  
or  
issue  
the  
waiver.  
We  
took  
David's  
language  
("As  
authorized  
by  
Congress,  
the  
Clear  
Air Act  
allows  
the  
EPA  
Administrator,

in  
consultation  
with  
the  
Secretary  
of  
Energy,  
to  
waive  
fuel  
requirements  
during  
a  
hurricane  
to  
ensure  
an  
adequate  
supply  
of fuel  
is  
available  
to the  
impacted  
public.  
EPA  
has an  
experience  
team  
standing  
by to  
expedite  
any  
waivers  
deemed  
necessary  
by the  
states.”)  
and  
made a  
few

tweaks  
to  
conform  
more  
closely  
with  
the  
waiver  
authority  
language  
and  
added  
it to  
the  
end.

**Current  
EPA  
response  
statement:**

EPA  
has a  
very  
organized  
and  
highly  
developed  
emergency  
response  
program  
for  
responding  
to  
man-  
made  
and  
natural  
disasters.  
Administrator  
Scott

Pruitt  
has  
activated  
our  
emergency  
operations  
response  
centers  
in  
Dallas  
and  
Atlanta.

The  
EPA  
Headquarters  
emergency  
operations  
center  
is  
monitoring  
the  
storm  
closely  
and  
making  
preparations  
to  
activate  
in  
order  
to  
support  
Regions  
4 and  
6. We  
have  
preparedness  
and  
readiness  
teams  
our

response  
officials  
prepared  
to  
deploy  
if  
FEMA  
requests  
assistance.

if  
request  
by the  
states  
through  
FEMA.

Our  
Region  
6 office  
in  
Dallas  
is  
taking  
action  
to  
ensure  
that  
Superfund  
Sites  
are  
secured  
in  
advance  
of the  
storm,  
to plan  
to  
assist  
the  
approximately  
300  
public

water  
system  
rapid  
assessments,  
to  
process  
emergency  
fuel  
waiver  
requests,  
and to  
seamlessly  
integrate  
emergency  
response  
activities  
with  
Texas,  
Louisiana,  
and  
other  
federal  
response  
agencies

The  
Clear  
Air Act  
also  
allows  
the EPA  
Administrator,  
in  
consultation  
with  
the  
Secretary  
of the  
Department  
of  
Energy,  
to  
waive  
certain

fuel  
requirements  
to  
address  
shortages  
that  
occur  
as a  
result  
of the  
storm.  
EPA has  
an  
experienced  
team  
standing  
by to  
expedite  
handling  
of any  
waiver  
requests  
by the  
states.

Thanks,

Cari  
Shiffman,  
Special  
Assistant  
U.S.  
Environmental  
Protection  
Agency  
Office  
of  
Enforcement  
and  
Compliance  
Assurance  
Office:  
(202)  
564-  
2898 |

Mobile:  
(202)  
823-  
3277

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**From:**

Woodyard,  
Josh

**Sent:**

Friday,  
August  
25,  
2017  
12:30  
PM

**To:**

Bowman,  
Liz  
<[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>;  
Shiffman,  
Cari  
<[Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov](mailto:Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov)>;  
Irizarry,  
Gilberto  
<[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>

**Cc:**

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Benjamin,



Kent  
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Jessica  
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Oh,  
Peter  
<[Oh.Peter@epa.gov](mailto:Oh.Peter@epa.gov)>

**Subject:**

RE: EPA  
Hurricane  
Response

Hi Liz  
-  
Here's  
my  
take  
from  
an  
OEM  
perspective.  
As Tito  
stated,  
we are  
not  
activated  
here in  
DC but  
as you  
can  
imagine,  
we are  
monitoring  
closely  
and  
preparing  
to  
activate  
if

needed.  
We are  
unaware  
of our  
peers  
in R4  
being  
activated  
so I  
would  
remove  
that.

**Current  
EPA  
response  
statement:**

EPA  
has a  
very  
organized  
and  
highly  
developed  
emergency  
response  
program  
for  
responding  
to  
man-  
made  
and  
natural  
disasters.  
Administrator  
Scott  
Pruitt  
has  
activated  
our  
emergency  
operations

~~response~~  
~~centers~~  
~~in~~  
~~Dallas~~  
~~and~~  
~~Atlanta.~~

The  
EPA  
Headquarters  
emergency  
operations  
center  
is  
monitoring  
the  
storm  
closely  
and  
making  
preparations  
to  
activate  
in  
order  
to  
support  
Regions  
4 and  
6. We  
have  
~~preparedness~~  
~~and~~  
~~readiness~~  
~~teams~~  
our  
response  
officials  
prepared  
to  
deploy  
if

FEMA  
requests  
assistance.<sup>16</sup>

request  
by the  
states  
through  
FEMA.

Our  
Region  
6 office  
in  
Dallas  
is  
taking  
action  
to  
ensure  
that  
Superfund  
Sites  
are  
secured  
in  
advance  
of the  
storm,  
to plan  
to  
assist  
the  
approximately  
300  
public  
water  
system  
rapid  
assessments,  
to  
process  
emergency

fuel  
waiver  
requests,  
and to  
seamlessly  
integrate  
emergency  
response  
activities  
with  
Texas,  
Louisiana,  
and  
other  
federal  
response  
agencies.

*Thanks*

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*Joshua*  
*Woodyard* | Associate  
*Director*  
Preparedness  
and  
Response  
Operations  
Division  
(PROD)  
Office  
of  
Emergency  
Management  
202-  
564-  
9588  
(W)  
202-  
510-  
4306  
(C)

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**From:**

Bowman,  
Liz

**Sent:**

Friday,  
August  
25,  
2017  
12:14  
PM

**To:**

Shiffman,  
Cari  
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**Cc:**

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Josh  
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Oh,  
Peter  
<[Oh.Peter@epa.gov](mailto:Oh.Peter@epa.gov)>

**Subject:**

RE: EPA  
Hurricane  
Response

Great,  
thank  
you –  
Cari.  
Can  
you all  
please  
update  
that  
statement  
and  
send it  
to us,  
to  
include  
in our  
press  
release?

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**From:**

Shiffman,  
Cari

**Sent:**

Friday,  
August  
25,  
2017  
12:10  
PM

**To:**

Irizarry,

Gilberto  
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Bowman,  
Liz  
<[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>

**Cc:**

Grantham,  
Nancy  
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David  
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John  
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Matthew  
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Reggie  
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Benjamin,  
Kent  
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Graham,  
Amy  
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Woodyard,  
Josh  
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Oh,  
Peter  
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**Subject:**

RE: EPA  
Hurricane  
Response



Liz,

I  
checked  
with  
John  
and it  
looks  
like the  
last  
time  
we had  
an  
emergency  
fuel  
waiver  
in 2016  
we  
didn't  
issue a  
press  
release  
(it was  
issued  
because  
of a  
pipeline  
failure,  
not a  
hurricane  
though),  
but did  
post on  
the  
website  
and  
had a  
desk  
statement  
prepared.

Thanks,

Cari

Shiffman,  
Special  
Assistant  
U.S.  
Environmental  
Protection  
Agency  
Office  
of  
Enforcement  
and  
Compliance  
Assurance  
Office:  
(202)  
564-  
2898 |  
Mobile:  
(202)  
823-  
3277

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**From:**

Irizarry,  
Gilberto

**Sent:**

Friday,  
August  
25,  
2017  
12:07  
PM

**To:**

Bowman,  
Liz  
<[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>

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<[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov)>;  
Gray,  
David

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Senn,  
John  
<[Senn.John@epa.gov](mailto:Senn.John@epa.gov)>;  
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Matthew  
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Benjamin,  
Kent  
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Shiffman,  
Cari  
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Miles,  
Erin  
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Woodyard,  
Josh  
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Oh,  
Peter  
<[Oh.Peter@epa.gov](mailto:Oh.Peter@epa.gov)>

**Subject:**

Re: EPA  
Hurricane  
Response

One  
principal  
note  
from  
me that

will be  
followed  
up ....

the HQ  
EOC is  
not  
currently  
activated.  
We are  
making  
preparations  
and will  
be  
ready  
to  
activate,  
but we  
are not  
activated  
yet. We  
need to  
monitor  
progress  
of the  
situation  
to then  
activate  
promptly  
when  
we  
need to  
in order  
to  
support  
the  
Region  
6  
activities.

Thanks,

Gilberto  
"Tito"

Irizarry  
Director,  
Preparedness  
&  
Response  
Ops  
Division  
Office  
of  
Emergency  
Management  
(OEM)  
USEPA  
O: 202-  
564-  
7982  
C: 202-  
821-  
8138

Sent  
from  
my  
iPhone,  
please  
excuse  
typos.

On Aug  
25,  
2017,  
at  
11:58  
AM,  
Irizarry,  
Gilberto  
<[Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov](mailto:Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov)>  
wrote:

Adding  
my  
two  
managers  
(Josh  
Woodyard

and  
Peter  
Oh)  
for  
follow-  
up,  
accordingly,  
today  
while  
I  
am  
out  
of  
the  
office  
today.

Thanks,

Gilberto  
"Tito"  
Irizarry  
Director,  
Preparedness  
&  
Response  
Ops  
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of  
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Sent

from  
my  
iPhone,  
please  
excuse  
typos.

On  
Aug  
25,  
2017,  
at  
11:45  
AM,  
Bowman,  
Liz  
<[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov](mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov)>  
wrote:

There  
are  
two  
different  
email  
chains  
going  
around  
about  
EPA  
activities  
and  
responses  
on  
the  
storm,  
one  
on  
the  
fuel  
waiver,  
and  
one  
on

the  
securing  
superfund  
sites.  
We  
want  
to  
issue  
one  
press  
release  
from  
HQ  
that  
talks  
about  
all  
our  
response  
activities,  
including  
the  
statement  
that  
includes  
preparedness,  
superfunds  
being  
secured  
and  
the  
waiver.  
Please  
respond  
to  
this  
email  
with  
the  
information  
relevant



to  
your  
office  
(along  
with  
the  
key  
contacts  
cell  
phone  
numbers),  
and  
then  
Amy  
and  
I  
will  
compile  
the  
relevant  
information  
into  
one  
press  
release,  
which  
we  
will  
send  
out  
from  
HQ.  
Once  
the  
language  
is  
approved,  
you  
should  
also  
prepare

to  
post  
your  
office's  
information  
on  
your  
relevant  
web  
pages.  
But,  
right  
now,  
we  
need  
one  
coordinated  
response.

When  
it  
comes  
to  
press  
responses,  
once  
the  
response  
is  
approved,  
it  
can  
be  
sent  
—  
just  
make  
sure  
to  
copy  
the

press  
box.  
If  
it  
is  
about  
Regional  
activities,  
it  
should  
be  
attributed  
to  
David  
Gray,  
if  
it's  
about  
anything  
involving  
EPA-  
wide  
response  
or  
the  
Administration  
or  
Administrator  
Pruitt,  
responses  
should  
be  
attributed  
to  
me.  
Please  
be  
prepared  
to  
check  
email

and  
return  
calls  
over  
the  
weekend,  
and  
post  
anything  
to  
the  
website,  
as  
needed  
(or  
respond  
to  
social  
media  
posts).

My  
cell  
is  
202-  
309-  
3416  
if  
you  
all  
have  
questions.  
Thanks  
—  
Liz

**Current  
EPA  
response  
statement:**  
EPA

has  
a  
very  
organized  
and  
highly  
developed  
program  
for  
responding  
to  
man-  
made  
and  
natural  
disasters.  
Administrator  
Scott  
Pruitt  
has  
activated  
our  
response  
centers  
in  
Washington  
DC,  
Dallas  
and  
Atlanta.  
We  
have  
preparedness  
and  
readiness  
teams  
prepare  
to  
deploy  
if  
request

by  
the  
states  
through  
FEMA.  
Our  
Region  
6  
office  
in  
Dallas  
is  
taking  
action  
to  
ensure  
that  
Superfund  
Sites  
are  
secured  
in  
advance  
of  
the  
storm,  
to  
plan  
to  
assist  
the  
approximately  
300  
public  
water  
system  
rapid  
assessments,  
to  
process  
emergency

fuel  
waiver  
requests,  
and  
to  
seamlessly  
integrate  
emergency  
response  
activities  
with  
Texas,  
Louisiana,  
and  
other  
federal  
response  
agencies.

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